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The Senate met at 8:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal Lord God, who has blessed this great land, September 11, 2001, changed the way so many view life, liberty, and love. We learned that life is fragile and the future must never be taken for granted. You reminded us that freedom is not free and that liberty is a precious gift. As we remember the courage and sacrifices of the many heroes and heroines, teach us to live our lives for others. Remind us to devote ourselves to causes that will live beyond our years. Lead our Senators today, that they will be Your instruments. Watch over our land and help us not to put our trust in human might but in the unfolding of Your loving providence. We pray this in Your strong Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, September 11, 2003.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. SUNUNU thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, today we will remember the second anniversary of the September 11 tragedy with a series of moments of silence. These times will be announced by the ringing of a bell of remembrance just outside these Chamber doors.

In a moment, at a time that corresponds with the initial attack on the World Trade Center, the Democratic leader will join me in ringing that bell just off the floor.

### EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ON THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Mr. FRIST. Before we begin, on behalf of myself, the Democrat leader, and all of my colleagues, I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its consideration.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 224) expressing the sense of the Senate on the second anniversary of the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001:

S. RES. 224

Whereas on the morning of September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked and destroyed four

civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, and a third into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia;

Whereas the valor of the passengers and crew on the fourth aircraft, which crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, prevented it from also being used as a weapon against America;

Whereas thousands were killed and injured as a result of these attacks, including the passengers and crew of the four aircraft, workers in the World Trade Center and in the Pentagon, rescue workers, and bystanders;

Whereas September 11, 2001 stands as the deadliest terrorist attacks ever perpetrated against the United States;

Whereas by targeting symbols of American strength and success, these attacks were intended to assail the principles, values, and freedoms of the United States and the American people, to intimidate the Nation and all who stand with us, to weaken the national resolve; and bend our will to their grotesque cause;

Whereas in the darkest moments after the attacks, American men and women demonstrated extraordinary courage and compassion;

Whereas local, State, and Federal leaders set aside differences and worked together to provide for those who were attacked and to protect those who remained;

Whereas nations around the world provided material support and moral support to the United States as it recovered from the terrorist attacks; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the United States Senate—

(1) recognizes September 11 as both a day to remember those taken so suddenly and so ruthlessly, and a day for Americans to recommit themselves to our great national purpose;

(2) extends its deepest sympathies to the countless innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, their families, friends, and loved ones;

(3) honors the heroic actions of first responders, law enforcement personnel, State and local officials, volunteers, and others who aided the innocent victims and, in so doing, bravely risked their own lives and long-term health;

(4) extends its deepest gratitude to the members of the Armed Forces serving both at home and abroad who are defending the United States from future attack;

(5) praises the people of the United States for their patriotism, compassion, prayers,

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